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25 July 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief of Administration  
Office of the Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : West Outbuilding.

REFERENCE : Memo dtd 22 Jul 53 to A-DD/A fr C/GSO, sub: "Report on West Outbuilding."

1. With reference to the West Outbuilding which was to have been renovated for the use of the Technical Services Staff, I am forwarding herewith a copy of a memorandum from the Chief, General Services Office, outlining chronologically the actions which have been taken in this case.

2. Whatever the reasons may add up to, it is regrettable from an Agency point of view that funds for this project were not obligated prior to 30 June 1953. In view of the budgetary policy for Fiscal Year 1954, and due to the fact that the estimate for this work has approximately doubled since it was originally authorized, I feel that it is necessary for us to take another very careful look to determine whether there isn't some other way to meet TSS requirements within space available or to become available to CIA. If we must use this space, then I think that we must determine whether the requirements submitted by TSS cannot be reduced substantially. In any case, I feel that we must touch base with the Director before proceeding.

3. I note in paragraph 14 that it has been decided not to include activities at [redacted] in the West Outbuilding. It is my understanding that originally we went to the West Outbuilding specifically to take care of things which we now have at [redacted] Avenue, and, in fact, it is my understanding that except for the fact that [redacted] Avenue was a leased building we would have gone ahead with an expenditure of \$140,000 and would not have needed the West Outbuilding. As it stands now, it would appear that even with this expenditure no provision was made to take care of the activities at [redacted] Avenue. 50X1

4. I know that the Technical Services Staff is anxious to get this problem solved, and I would like to discuss it with you at your earliest convenience. Whatever we do, however, I think that we must settle their total requirements for the foreseeable future and make our plans accordingly.

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